

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT**, on March 18, 2003 at 3:11 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)  
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Michael Lange, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Paul Clark (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)  
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. Carol Gibson (D)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)  
Rep. Larry Jent (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Allen Rome (R)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)  
Rep. Pat Wagman (R)  
Rep. Sandy Weiss (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Video-taped Committee:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 166, 3/12/2003; SB 250,  
3/12/2003; SB 336, 3/12/2003  
Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON SB 166**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

0:00 **SEN. BALES, SD 1 - Short Title:** Revise laws on  
collection of paddlefish roe.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

03:00 **REP. LENHART, HD 2**  
04:00 Linda Koncylia, Glendive Chamber of Commerce,  
Yellowstone Caviar Project  
**EXHIBIT(fih57a01)**  
**EXHIBIT(fih57a02)**  
**EXHIBIT(fih57a03)**  
**EXHIBIT(fih57a04)**  
**EXHIBIT(fih57a05)**  
**EXHIBIT(fih57a06)**  
**EXHIBIT(fih57a07)**  
**EXHIBIT(fih57a08)**  
05:00 Video from Glendive Chamber of Commerce on paddlefish  
roe  
19:00 Jim Culver, President, Yellowstone Caviar Project  
21:00 Mike Carlson, Co-Founder Yellowstone Caviar Project,  
Chairman of Grants Committee  
25:00 Betty Lou Kasten  
27:00 Gary Amostoy, Richland County Commissioner  
28:00 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited  
29:00 Jeff Hagener, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
**EXHIBIT(fih57a09)**  
30:00 Mike Barrett

**Opponents' Testimony:**

34:00 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation, Montana  
Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
35:00 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

37:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

50:00

**HEARING ON SB 336**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

53:00       **SEN. MAHLUM, SD 35 - Short Title:** Implement  
recommendations of state parks future committee.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

58:00       Jeff Hagener, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**EXHIBIT (fih57a10)**

1:01:00     Linda Koncylia, Glendive Chamber of Commerce,  
Yellowstone Caviar Project

1:02:00     Gene Townsend, Mayor of Three Forks

1:03:00     Ronda Carpenter, Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce,  
Montana County Treasurers Association

1:06:00     Mark Simonich, Department of Commerce

**EXHIBIT (fih57a11)**

1:07:00     **SEN. KITZENBERG, SD 48**

1:08:00     Jeffrey Tiberi, Montana Heritage Commission

**EXHIBIT (fih57a12)**

1:10:00     Arnie Olson, Montana Historical Society

1:10:00     Jim Ray, Glasgow

1:11:00     Amy Sullivan, Montana Tourism oalition

1:11:00     Ed Greef

1:13:00     Mike Barrett

1:14:00     Garth Haugland, Beaverhead County Commissioner

**Opponents' Testimony:**   None.

**Informational Testimony:**   None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

1:14:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

1:21:00

**HEARING ON SB 250**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

0:00       **SEN. KITZENBERG, SD 48 - Short Title:** Revise future  
fisheries laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

1:25:00     John Wilson, Trout Unlimited

1:35:00     Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited

1:38:00     Jeff Hagener, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**EXHIBIT (fih57a13)**

1:39:00     Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

1:40:00     Mike Barrett

**EXHIBIT**(fih57a14)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

1:46:00 George Ochenski

**EXHIBIT**(fih57a15)

**EXHIBIT**(fih57a16)

**EXHIBIT**(fih57a17)

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

1:54:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

2:17:00

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

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REP. JOE BALYEAT, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (fih57aad)**